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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
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Dear Attorney General Ashcroft:

I appreciate the difficulty of your job, and the many weighty issues you must consider, particularly in these difficult times. I appreciate your strong leadership and the difficult decisions you are called upon to make.

I am in favor of the Microsoft antitrust case settling. I am disappointed the settlement has been held up for so long and view this as not beneficial to Microsoft, its competitors, the computer industry, or the US economy. I believe that Microsoft is great American company and has done many great things not only for the computer industry, but also for the US economy as a whole. I am supportive of the work they have done to make technological advances. I would like to see the parties involved in this case move on so that Microsoft may continue to innovate. I believe that any further delays will be detrimental to our nation.

The settlement agreement should satisfy those who feel Microsoft has engaged in any anticompetitive behavior. The changes purported in the agreement are fair to all parties involved. There is no reason to continue the litigation. Monies being spent on litigation would be better put to use in research and development, an area that has helped our nation maintain a competitive edge in technology and remain a leader among nations.

Thank you for considering these comments.

With greatest respect,

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